

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

--The object is achieved by a piezoceramic composition with the general molecular formula $Pb_{1-a}RE_bZr_xTi_yTR_zO_3$, where ~~a, x and y are each greater than zero,~~ in which RE is at least a selected rare earth element from the group europium, gadolinium, lanthanum, neodymium, praseodymium, promethium and/or samarium with a rare earth metal proportion b, TR is at least one transition metal selected from the group chromium, iron and/or manganese with a transition metal valency W_{TR} and a transition metal proportion z and the following relationship applies: $z > b / (4 - W_{TR})$.--